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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2003 (Paper No. 6), please consider the following amendments, traversal, provisional election, and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) and (b) an Information Disclosure Statement with a Form PTO/SB/08A and copy of references AA-AE.

Prior to examining the captioned application, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments.

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